

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended the specification only to comply with the requirements of C.F.R. 37 §1.78(a), and to cancel the existing sequence listing and direct the entry of the substitute sequence listing at the end of the application. The substitute sequence listing is identical to the existing sequence listing. Hence, no new matter has been added by the amendment and entry and consideration of the same is respectfully requested.

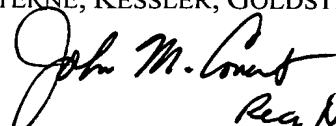
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), this submission includes no new matter.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), the paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same.

It is respectfully believed that the present application is in condition for substantive examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Version with markings to show changes made***In the Specification:***

The specification was amended as follows:

At page 1, after the title, the first paragraph of the cross reference statement, which was inserted previously in the Preliminary Amendment filed April 16, 2001, was replaced with the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the National Phase of International Application PCT/EP99/07832, filed October 15, 1999, and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English as WO 00/23584 on April 27, 2000.

The existing sequence listing has been canceled and replaced with the substitute sequence listing attached herewith, which was inserted at the end of the application.